GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO RUSSIA EFFORTS TO COMBAT TERRORISM .
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting between the working committees of India and Russia is likely to be held to discuss the menace of terrorism in both the countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main issues likely to be discussed in the meeting; and

(d) the efforts being made by both the countries to tackle the problem of terrorism at the global level?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) & (c) In terms of the Protocol on Cooperation between the National Security Council of India and the Security Council of the Russian Federation, both sides agreed to establish a Joint Coordination Group on International Terrorism. The first meeting of the Group is expected to be held shortly.

(d) The subject of international terrorism was discussed at length in the various meetings during the State Visit to India by the President of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Putin, from October 2-5, 2000. India and the Russian Federation considered the growing menace of international terrorism, extremism, ethnic separatism, trans-border organised crime and drug trafficking as a significant threat to international peace and stability. They condemned terrorism and extremism in all its forms, irrespective of political, philosophical, ideological, religious, ethnic, racial or any other consideration that may be invoked to justify them. The two sides condemned States that aided, abetted and directly supported cross-border international terrorism. India and the Russian Federation underlined the importance of joint efforts for establishing solid international legal basis for cooperation in combating international terrorism including through the adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism and the Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.